

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Registration & Stamps Department – Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.741

Dated:17-07-2017

Read the following:

DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.25/RCO-WVP/2011-S11, dt:15-6-2017.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-II & III).

3. Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam is directed to submit his Written Statement of Defense within 15 days from the date of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of Defense on or before the date specified in the para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam is invited to Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant should bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.D.SAMBASIVA RAO

SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE, R&S)

To

The Individual (through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam with a direction to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy along with dated acknowledgement to Government for record).

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The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam

Copy to:

The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eedupugallu,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Krishna District.

The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus
Station, NTR Administrative Block, II Floor, Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada.

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI MUVVA GOPICHAND, S/O LATE CHENCHAIAH, FORMER SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/O THE SUB REGISTRAR, MADHURAWADA, VISAKHAPATNAM

That Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchaiiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam joined in Government Service on 12-3-1993 as Junior Assistant and worked at District Registrars Office till 28-10-1997. He worked as Junior Assistant at Sub Registrar Office, Dwarakanagar from 29-10-1997 to 19-7-2002, at the Sub Registrar Office, Gopalapatnam from 20-7-2002 to 25-6-2005, Sub Registrar Office, Sabbavarm from 1-7-2005 to 5-10-2007, at the O/o the District Registrar from 6-10-2007 to 12-2-2008. He got promotion as Senior Assistant on 8-2-2008 and posted to Sub Registrar Office, Madhurawada and he was attached to O/o the District Registrar, Visakhapatnam on deputation and worked there from 13-2-2008 to 15-6-2011.

Charge-I:

That Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchaiiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam and other staff members of the Joint Sub Registrar's Office conspired with each other and restarted to habitual corrupt activities of demanding and accepting bribe amounts by abusing their official position, for doing official favour of registering the sale deeds, from the parties approaching for registration through document / Assistant Document writers.

Thus, Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchaiiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam by his acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant by contravening Rule 3 (1) (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENTS OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI MUVVA GOPICHAND, S/O LATE CHENCHAIAH, FORMER SENIOR ASSISTANT, O/O THE SUB REGISTRAR, MADHURAWADA, VISAKHAPATNAM.

Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchaiiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam joined in Government service on 12-3-1993 as Junior Assistant. His native place is Guntur town and date of birth is 5-7-1974. He worked at the O/o the District Registrar, Visakhapatnam till 28-10-1997. He worked as Junior Assistant at Sub Registrar Office, Dwarakanagar from 29-10-1997 to 19-7-2002, at the Sub Registrar Office, Gopalapatnam from 20-7-2002 to 25-6-2005, Sub Registrar Office, Sabbavaram from 1-7-2002 to 5-10-2007, at the O/o the District Registrar from 6-10-2007 to 12-2-2008. He got promotion as Senior Assistant on 8-2-2008 and posted to Sub Registrar Office, Madhurawada and he was attached to O/o the District Registrar, Visakhapatnam on deputation and worked there from 13-2-2008 to 15-6-2011. He is drawing basic pay of Rs.13,360/- and scale of pay of Rs.10,900-31,50/- . He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30-9-2034. He is herein after referred to as Government servant.

Charge-I:

That Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o Late Chenchaiiah, former Senior Assistant, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam and other staff members of the Joint Sub Registrar's Office conspired with each other and restarted to habitual corrupt activities of demanding and accepting bribe amounts by abusing their official position, for doing official favour of registering the sale deeds, from the parties approaching for registration through document / Assistant Document writers.

Facts and evidence:

Brief facts are that on credible information that the Joint Sub Registrar-8 Visakhapatnam at Madhurawada and his office staff are collecting huge bribe amounts from the parties approaching them for registration of documents, Encubrance Certificates etc., through unauthorized Document and Assistant Document Writers and also indulging in corrupt practices by engaging private persons and in pursuance of the instructions of the Joint Direction, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam along with his staff and mediators viz., 1) Sri Bondada Venkata Satyanarayana Murth, S/o Ramakrishna Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, O/o the Superintending Engineer, (R&B) Circle, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam and 2) Sri Bangari Giri Babu, S/o Krishna Rao, Junior Assistant, O/o the Superintending Engineer, (R&B) Circle, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam conducted surprise check on the office premises of the Joint Sub-Registrar-8, Visakhapatnam at Madhurawada situated at Plot.No.HIG-284, Midhalipuri, VUDA Colony, Besides Indian Overseas Bank, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam on 25-1-2011 at about 5.00 PM.

During the said surprise check, the following 5 document writers were found in the premises of Sub Registrar Office who were engaged by the Sub Registrar and his staff including the Government servant to collect bribes from the public. On search, they were found in possession of amount mentioned as below.

S.No.	Name	Amount Rs.
1	Sri Narimbilli Venkata Satyanarayana, S/o Naidu, Document Writer, R/o D.No.37-9-30, Suryanagar-1, Neal Poltechnic College, Visakhapatnam.	49,600/-

2	Sri Vudi Santosh, s/o Auuanna, Assistant Document Writer, R/o Near Urvasi Junction, Visakhapatnam.	22,100/-
3	Sri Nagothi Poorna Rama Chandra Rao, S/o (L) Satyanarayana, Document Writer, R/o 27-9, Ayodhyanagar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam.	860/-
4	Sri Rebaka Srinivasa Rao, S/o Appa Rao, Document Writer, R/o 40-59-77, sanjeevaiah Colony-II, Kancharapalem, Visakhapatnam.	1,830/-
5	Sri Mokara Bhaskara Naga Raju, S/o Sanyasi Rao, Document Writer, R/o Polt.No.199, Visalakshinagar, Visakhapatnam.	11,420/-
6	Sri Koneti Prasada Rao, S/o (L) Narayana Rao, Contract Labour, R/o D.No.7-72, Revallapalem, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam.	10
	Total	85,820/-

On examination, they stated that on the instructions of the Sub Registrar and his staff, they collect bribes from the claimants who approach the Registrar Office for Registration of their documents etc., and handover the collected amount to Sub Registrar and his staff and that the amount found in their possession is also the bribe amount so collected.

Further, two unauthorized private assistants viz., namely 1) Sri Gare Rama Rao and 2) Gare Lakshmi, W/o Rama Rao, Private Sweeper, both are resident of D.No.25-96, Nagarapalem, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam also found present in the office of Joint Sub Registrar, Madhurawada and there was a cash of Rs.2,800/- found in their possession. The Deputy Superintendent of Police seized the said amount of Rs.2,800/- for which they could not properly accounted for.

Then, the Deputy Superintendent of Police conducted thorough search over the entire office premises and noticed a green and orange colour wire bag, belongs to Sri Gare Rama Rao (A8) found in the record room of the Joint Sub Registrars Office, Madhurawada. On verification of the said bag, cash of Rs.1,03,600/- along with some account slips were found in the said bag. The paper slips containing some writings of cash transactions, date wise showing bribe amounts collected from the document writers and others, share to be given to bribe amounts of the staff members, etc., out of which, the share of the Government servant was mentioned as follows:

Sheet No.14 containing the details of bribe amount collected from 17-1-2011 to 24-1-2011 where in share of the charged officer Sri Muvva Gopichand is mentioned Rs.17,000/-.

Sheet No.22 found to containing the details of bribe amount of Rs.2,48,000/- collected from 7-1-2011 to 13-1-2011 and the share of bribe amount of the charged officer Sri Muvva Gopichand is of Rs.12,300/-.

Thus, Sri Muvva Gopichand, S/o late Chenchiah, Senior Assistant, Sub Registrar Office, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Government servant rendered himself liable to impose major penalty in disciplinary proceedings.

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ANNEXURE –III

List of witnesses:

1. Sri Gare Rama Rao, S/o Late Laxman, Private Attender, O/o the Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam.
2. Sri Bondada Venkata Satyanarayana Murthy, S/o Ramakrishna Rao, 45 years, Assistant Executive Engineer, O/o the Superintending Engineer, R&B circle, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam (Acted as Mediator-1 during surprise check).
3. Sri Bonangi Giri Babu, S/o Krishna Rao, 25 years, Junior Assistant, O/o the Superintending Engineer, R&B circle, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam (Acted as Mediator-2 during surprise check).
4. Sri K.V.Rama Krishna Prasad, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam.
5. Sri B.V.S.Nageswara Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam.
6. The District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.

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ANNEXURE-IV

List of Documents:

- 1) Surprise check report drafted at the office of the Joint Sub Registrar-8, Visakhapatnam at Madhurawada by the mediators from 5.15 PM to 11 PM on 25-1-2011.
- 2) Letter No.E1/91/2011, dt:15-2-2011 of the District Registrar, Registration & Stamps, Visakhapatnam.
- 3) If any document required at the time of enquiry will be submitted.

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